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Two sighting reports of a KOTLIN-Class destroyer

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[redacted] Soviet destroyer [redacted] making 20 knots on course 131°, was seen on position 56°05' N/12°35' E. The destroyer had a continuous deck, a pronounced sheer in the shape of a gondola in the fore'sle, 2 low stacks of almost equal height, two torpedo mounts, 2 military masts with the aft mast somewhat lower, very large radar screens, three quadruple AA guns and two twin-barreled AA mounts, a stream anchor and a Soviet star at the bow.

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[redacted] Comment. The report refers to KOTLIN destroyer [redacted] which was sighted [redacted] 30 seamiles southeast Istad with course north-east. [redacted] the vessels had subsequently chanced course toward west and returned to the Kattegat [redacted]

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[redacted] a destroyer with the following distinguishing marks was seen running on course northeast at high speed about 30 seamiles southeast of Ystad: flush, continuous deck, two plump stacks of almost equal height, and with large space between them; two masts on twinpod or tripod, with the first mast closely drawn to the command bridge forward of the first stack and the second mast forward of second stack but somewhat stepped aft of stack; a large, longish bulb on the foc'sle. [redacted]

[redacted] the Soviet ensign was clearly seen. A star either painted or as relief work was seen at the upper edge of the bow.

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